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# ENIGMA WAS AN ANGEL DANCER.

## Madeline Church Admits that She Used to Be a Member of the Strange Community.

# STOLE 15 TONS OF COAL.

Madeline Church, who has been posing as a psychological enigma to the doctors of the New York Infirmary, has been recognized as a former member of that notorious cult, known as "The Angel Dancers," and resident on what they call "The Lord's Farm," at Woodliffe, N. Y.

A letter from Overseer of the Poor Charles L. Westervelt, of Spring Valley, N. Y., to the New York Outdoor Poor Department, says that as Madeline Snyder, the girl ran away from "The Lord's Farm," and asked refuge of him. He secured work for her in the family of Mrs. Marnett, at Spring Valley. She ran away from there under peculiar circumstances and found work in a Jersey City family, which she also left. She wrote a letter to Mrs. Marnett begging for \$2 and saying that she was about to jump into the Hudson River at West Point and a policeman grabbed her and in court she was sent to jail for thirty days.

When confronted with these statements the young woman admitted their truth and she was no longer an enigma.

# TO AMEND TENEMENT LAW.

Reformers Say Statutes Already Are Too Stringent.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—Assemblyman Ellis introduced a bill to-day amending the statutes so that the outer courts of tenement houses may be reduced from four to three feet and where such courts are situated between buildings of the same kind the width need not be more than six feet. The bill is introduced at the request of the Twenty-third Ward Property Owners Association.

Builders and architects in that section of the city declare that the present laws are so stringent that the building business has dropped from \$12,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per annum.

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# \$10,000,000 FOR GATES IN L. & N.

(Continued from First Page.)

questions tending to the policy of the company and Mr. Belmont repeatedly said that he had refused to continue the directorate if there was to be a change of policy in the management of the road.

Q. Why did you surrender the control of the L. & N. to the Coast Line Company? A. I have not surrendered control.

Q. You were re-elected to the board by the Coast Line proxies, were you not? A. Yes.

Q. What control? A. No. I am still chairman of the board.

Q. But on proxies not your own? A. I am chairman of the board and still in control.

Attorney Edward Baxter then asked Mr. Belmont if he knew of any understanding or contract, expressed or implied, by which the Louisville and Nashville, Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line were to work in union or in any common interest.

No, no, Mr. Belmont replied.

Then asked Mr. Belmont to refresh his memory and try to remember that he had caused the resolution indicating the change of control to be passed because of information that in the Kentucky statutes there was a provision requiring such indorsement, and Mr. Belmont was quick to say that he did recall such a provision.

Col. Young went back at Mr. Belmont and caused the millionaire to become so confused that he hid his whole fist into a waistcoat pocket.

Col. Young then brought out how the resolution was passed.

Q. What proxies did you have when that resolution was passed? A. All of them.

Q. Then you undertook to vote the proxies for the 28,000 shares or 75,000 majority? A. I held 70,000 or 75,000 myself.

Q. Well, of the other? A. I considered it to the advantage of the minority.

Q. Why? A. Well, Gates & Co. were not considered conservative enough to afford absolute security to the minority stockholders. The present control is considered much more conservative and safe.

**About Gates's Profit.**

Commissioner Yeoman then asked Mr. Belmont what Gates paid for the 200,000 shares of Louisville and Nashville.

"I don't know," said Mr. Belmont.

Counsel explained that Mr. Perkins would be able to explain all that.

Mr. Belmont, his attorney asked him, "the stock was worth more than it was before the Coast Line acquired the interest?"

"Yes, much more. Before the sale it was worth a little more than par. It is now about 15 percent above par."

When Mr. Belmont was excused he was succeeded by Mr. George W. Perkins.

Q. Do you know Mr. Gates? A. I do.

Q. When did you learn of the Louisville and Nashville deal? A. I first heard of the deal by the general uneasiness of Wall street through the forming by Mr. Gates of a practical corner in the stock.

Gates informed me of the fact that he had secured control of the Louisville and Nashville stock and that it was for sale. We then started negotiations to acquire it from him.

A. When did you secure the Monon road? A. After J. P. Morgan had options on the 300,000 shares of Louisville and Nashville held by Mr. Gates.

Q. Then those two roads, through your firm, secured control of the Monon? A. Well, they bought and paid for the stock. They could control it, I guess.

Mr. Belmont remained in the courtroom during Mr. Perkins' testimony, frequently going to a telephone in the hall. He was in a good humor, joking with the newspaper artists concerning the pictures they were drawing of him.

Q. What was the deal between J. P. Morgan and Gates concerning the purchase of the 300,000 shares of Louisville and Nashville stock? A. We bought 100,000 shares from Gates at 130 and then bought an option, good until fall, for the remaining 200,000 at 150.

Gates & Co. securing the right to participate in the ultimate disposition.

Mr. Belmont secured control of the Coast Line Company pay for the 200,000 shares of the L. & N. road? We sold the 300,000 shares of the Coast Line for \$50,000,000. Of this \$35,000,000 was in bonds, \$10,000,000 in cash and \$5,000,000 in its own stock.

**Gates Got \$10,000,000.**

Mr. Perkins permitted it to be understood that the \$10,000,000 cash payment was for Mr. Gates's personal profit.

Col. Young said Gates's profit was from the sale of the stock to the Coast Line.

Then Lawyer Baxter got Mr. Perkins to deny most emphatically the Wall street reports of last year that J. P. Morgan & Co. had used Gates as a practical agent to secure the L. & N. stock.

It was evidently the occasion which the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. took to explain their connection with the deal.

Mr. Perkins was inclined to speak to the newspaper reporters rather than to the Commission, and that is unusual for any one connected with Mr. Morgan.

A lively little incident occurred when Attorney-General Pratt called Lawyer Stetson to order by rapping his pencil on the table, objecting to his interference in the direct examination of Mr. Perkins.

"Are you rapping that pencil at me?" asked Mr. Stetson.

"No."

"Well, I hope you are not calling the court to order."

Then the commissioners interfered.

All agreed that the investigation would close by the taking of depositions of Gates and railroad men on competition. There will be no further public hearings.

# COAL NOW FREE BY OFFICIAL ORDER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Treasury Department to-day received a certified copy of the act approved yesterday placing coal on the free list. Upon its receipt the department telegraphed the necessary instructions to collectors of customs throughout the country directing them to put the act into immediate effect. The telegram reads as follows:

Admit all coal imported on or after 15th inst. free of duty under the act of 15th inst. Copy by mail."

# ENGLAND NOT CHEERED BY THE COAL REBATE

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The remission of the coal duties by the United States Congress still appears to have little or no effect on the coal market here. It is realized here that America will never become a permanent customer for English coal, and that the moment the United States will cease the moment the American supply overtakes the demand.

At present there are only two American orders on the Cardiff market, but these are for a large quantity of coal, and even inquiry for cargoes has slackened.

# BOSTON CHARTERS SHIPS TO BRING COAL OVER.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—A wholesale coal firm in this city last night announced that as a result of the removal of the duty on coal it had closed charters with twenty-four and fifty foreign steamers to bring coal to this port.

All this coal, about 350,000 tons, has been placed with the electric light plants and manufacturers.

# MRS. SHAW'S WILL FILED.

Divides \$152,000 Among Her Four Distinguished Daughters.

The will of Mrs. Sarah Blake Shaw, mother of four distinguished New York women, was filed this afternoon.

She was dated in 1882. Mrs. Shaw died at her home No. 115 East Thirtieth street, Dec. 29. She leaves an estate of \$152,000, bequeathing it in equal shares to her four daughters—Mrs. Anna Shaw Curtis of West New Brighton, S. I.; Mrs. Susan Shaw Minton of No. 100 East Twenty-first street; Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, of No. 120 East Thirtieth street; and Mrs. Ellen Shaw Barlow, of No. 17 East Sixty-fourth street.

**Picked Up a Human Skull.**

Patrolman Frederick Goetzer, of the West Forty-seventh Street Station, found a human skull in the roadway at No. 315 West Forty-seventh street this afternoon.

# WRONG BODY IN THE GRAVE.

## Big Insurance Swindle Discovered After Companies Had Paid Out \$4,000 on Two Policies.

# PLOT IS FAR REACHING.

According to statements made before Magistrate Zeller in the Tombs Court to-day, when Bartholomew Chryano, a barber, of No. 207 Second avenue, was arraigned charged with violating Section 579 of the Penal Code, the various insurance companies of this city have unearthed a big swindle. By this swindle they have been defrauded out of \$75,000 by a gang of Italians who had healthy old men and made out false certificates of death in the names of the insured.

The following stories were told to Magistrate Zeller by representatives of the insurance companies:

On Nov. 11, 1901, Chryano introduced Rosalia Trandaula, a fruit merchant, to the Union Central Life Insurance Company and insured him for \$2,000 after he had been pronounced insurable by the company's physician. Chryano also insured him for the same amount in the Washington Life Insurance Company, the Provident Life Insurance Company and the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

**Proofs of Death.**

On Dec. 16 last the Washington Life Insurance Company received proofs of the death of Trandaula on Dec. 11 at No. 239 East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, and on the following day was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

A young woman, who gave the name of Marie D'Allesio, and posed as the dead man's daughter, called at the insurance company a few days after the proofs of death had been presented and collected the \$2,000. The same thing was repeated at the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

The officers of these companies became suspicious and yesterday an officer of the company called on District-Attorney Jerome and asked his assistance in securing permission to disinter the supposed body of Trandaula. Assistant District-Attorney Paul Krotel was assigned to the case and yesterday secured an order from Justice Freedman to dig up the body. Accompanied by several of the insurance company's physicians Mr. Krotel went to the cemetery this morning and the grave was opened.

**Found Another Man.**

Instead of finding the formerly healthy Trandaula the coffin revealed the body of a man about eighty years old whose right leg and left arm were missing. The lips of the corpse were sewed up and the toothless mouth filled with cotton. The body did not bear the slightest resemblance to the insured.

Chryano was arrested this afternoon. Magistrate Zeller held the prisoner in \$5,000 bail for examination on Monday.

According to a statement made by Detective Petrovich and Illch, who have worked with the insurance company detectives on the case, there is an organized gang of eight Italians who, by the same method employed in the present case, have defrauded companies out of nearly \$100,000.

# SENATE THE PRIME FACTOR.

ALBANY, Jan. 16.—Upon the policy adopted by the Democrats depends the fate of Gov. Odell's plan to repeal the Franchise-Tax law. If the minority decides to oppose the Governor's policy, enough Republican Senators will act with the Democrats to prevent the repeal of the law.

If the Democrats adopt a policy of indifference the plan favored by Gov. Odell and Senator Platt will go through the Legislature with a rush.

Senator Grady, Democratic leader in the upper house, is making a canvass among his colleagues to learn where they stand on the proposition. A similar canvass is being made in the Assembly by George H. Palmer, Democratic leader there.

The hope of defeating the Governor's repeal plan lies in the Senate. If the bolting Republicans—Brackett, Elton R. Brown and Elsbarg—stand together, they will be able, with the Democrats, to sidetrack the Platt-Odell repeal bill. Whether they take this course or not, it is believed that two or three other Republican Senators will refuse to vote for the repeal bill.

The fear of the franchise-tax advocates here is that when the corporations begin to put on the screws all political lines will disappear, and the result will turn on corporations and anti-corporation lines. If such should prove to be the case the repeal of the law is certain.

When the Governor makes his franchise-tax speech in New York to-morrow night much of the opposition to his repeal plan will disappear. They believe that he will make a strong case so as to justify their support of the policy.

But there are enough independent Republicans in the Senate to be in opposition to the Governor's plan.

# BURNED BY HOT PITCH.

Brewery Employee Meets with Painful Accident While at Work.

Joseph Greenberger, twenty-eight years old, of No. 70 Clinton street, employed at Central Park brewery, at Fifteenth street and East River, to pitch the inside of barrels, was found terribly burned and unconscious on the floor of the brewery this morning, his clothing face and hands covered with pitch. No one in the brewery would admit seeing the accident, but it is supposed that he upset a pot of boiling pitch. He was taken to Flower Hospital.

# DEATH IN ELEVATOR SHAFT.

Lavinger Backed Into Opening and Fell Five Stories.

Jacob Lavinger, an elevator man, of No. 325 East Fourth street, fell from the fifth floor to the basement down the elevator shaft in the building at No. 222 West Broadway this afternoon and was instantly killed.

Lavinger was pulling a small hand truck, with his back turned to the shaft, and while doing so the elevator suddenly went up and he backed into the open shaft, plunging down five stories to the concrete flooring below.

# SHOT HER BABY BROTHER.

Five-Year-Old Child Uses a Toy Rifle.

(Special to The Evening World.)

LAUREL, Del., Jan. 15.—Alfred E. Phillips, of Hooper Island, gave his ten-year-old son an air rifle Christmas. His five-year-old daughter placed the muzzle of the gun to the head of her two-year-old baby brother, with whom she was playing, and gleefully exclaimed: "Am going to shoot Buddy."

The trigger was pulled and the baby fell dead.

# TO TEAR DOWN MARKETS.

Officials Declare Present Institutions Are Eye-Sores.

At a public hearing before an Aldermanic committee to-day, the matter of razing Union, Centre, Catherine and Clinton markets and utilizing the sites for city purposes, was discussed. Both President Cantor and Comptroller Groat advocated the destruction of the market buildings, declaring they were public eye-sores and had long since outlived their usefulness.

The committee decided to get an opinion from the Corporation Counsel before making its report.

# DIED.

SCHIFFMAYER.—On Thursday, Jan. 15, at his residence, 523 Hudson st., JOSEPH M. SCHIFFMAYER, aged 55 years.

Funeral service, Jan. 16, at 2 P. M., in Calvary Cemetery.

# MRS. LANGTRY TO LIVE HERE.

## Social Triumphs Have Resolved Famous Actress to Make Per- manent Home in Land of Her Successes.

# HER HORSES TO COME, TOO.

Mrs. Lily Langtry promises in the near future to make her home in America.

The announcement that she will race her horses here next season, may be taken as simply preliminary to her adoption of America as her permanent place of abode. She will no doubt settle down in New York City and have a country place near by, where she will continue the breeding of racehorses.

Her unbeaten filly Smilax, who won every race in which she has entered last season on the English courses, earning over \$5,000 for Mrs. Langtry, is of her own breeding, and Captive Pet, by Prisoner, is another good filly very successfully raced last year which the "Jersey Lily" raised and owns.

It is not known whether Mrs. Langtry will give up all her extensive properties abroad—her beautiful home, her Imperial Theatre, which is said to be one of the handsomest in the world, and her other possessions. She has demonstrated that a woman can succeed in the field of theatrical management despite Mrs. Osborn's failure here, but there is a lot of annoyance and worry about the details of the business which to a woman of Mrs. Langtry's temperament, who wishes to keep forever young, is not exactly desirable.

Her plans are not matured, but it is said by those who know her intimately that it will not be difficult for her to arrange her business affairs so as to make it possible for her to live here entirely.

# PETER MARIE'S FUNERAL.

Ceremonies Attended by Many Friends of Retired Banker.

The funeral of Peter Marie, the retired banker and former society leader, who died on Tuesday at his home, No. 6 East Twenty-seventh street, took place this morning from St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was attended by a large concourse of people, many of whom are prominent in society circles.

A solemn and impressive service was celebrated by the Rev. Father Van Rensselaer, the pallbearers were George V. Salvo, George Bowdoin, William Butler Duncan, Robert Hone, Adrian Iselin, J. Bowler Lee, Thomas Meyer, Julius Montant, J. Hampden Robb and J. Hobart Warren.

The remains were placed in the Marie vault in Calvary Cemetery.

# PUT ON WEDDING SUIT TO DIE.

But His Wife Discovered Him in Time to Save His Life.

Michael Curran, of No. 400 Sixth avenue, a cook out of a job, and ten years married, put on his old moth-eaten wedding clothes while his wife was taking their child to school to-day and lay down on his bed with a gas tube connected with the jet in his mouth. His wife got back in time to save him and had him taken to the New York Hospital.

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